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Brief Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion from Councilmember Paul Koretz dated May 16, 2014 with respect to amending the City's baseline mansionization ordinance number 179883.

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**BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, August 20, 2014
Light Buffet 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm**

**at
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Lisa Cahan Davis – present, Jane Drucker - present, Jon Epstein – present, Alex Izbicki – present, Remy Kessler - present, Brian Mahoney – present, Richard Niederberg - present, Scott Ouellette – present, Steven Quat – present, Lisa Sarkin - present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – present, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – excused. 13 voting members; 7 to pass a motion. 56 stakeholders present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. **The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.**
3. Approval of July 16, 2014 Board Minutes. **Approved in the absence of objection.**
4. Comments by the President. **John Walker** thanked the outreach and public safety committees for their work on Movies in the Park and National Night Out. These events were a great success. He thanked Patty Kirby publicly as well as board members who worked these events. **John Walker** stated that the DWP has started a recycled water advisory group. It is an informational group whose purpose is to provide information to stakeholders. He invited board members to let him know if they want to participate. He also announced that the guests tonight would be Senior Lead Officer Mike Lewis and state senatorial candidate Mr. Benitez. He deferred the rest of his comments to the end of the meeting.
5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. Mark Reed stated that he is the Elected Congressional Candidate for the 30th District. He said that he and family are involved in the entertainment

industry. He said we need a congressman who is really industry friendly and reported that Brad Sherman did not support the film credit bill. **Mark Reed** said he would like to represent the San Fernando Valley. Nestle left the city because of the unfriendly administration. He asked the stakeholders to please elect him on November 4th. **Patty Lopez** said she is here on behalf of Mr. Benitez. She fully supports Recardo Benitez. He is into the community and he wants to help the community. He is interested in education. He will bring peace of mind for our families. **Richard Adams** said he is not pleased when committee motions are not brought forward because candidates running for office are being heard instead.

6. Responses to comments from the Board. **NONE**

7. Special Report from **Studio City Lead Officer Mike Lewis**. **John Walker** introduced **Mike Lewis** and stated he was invited to speak tonight because there was concern about the LA Times articles about the reclassification of violent crimes reducing the crime rate statistics. The LA times went through 94,000 crimes and they found discrepancies with 1,200. Of those 1,100 were for aggravated assaults. He indicated that the FBI tracks 8 particular crimes. The crime data is collected locally and given to the FBI. The major crimes are homicides, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. He stated that 90% of the crimes that were not properly reported were aggravated assaults. Aggravated assault is a severe injury caused by a fight that can lead to death because of the bodily injury. **Mike Lewis** stated that officers do report this category incorrectly a lot. This is because the review panel does not always agree with officer's classification of the crime. This disagreement is not the result of intentional misclassifications by the police. He advised the stakeholders that one officer was determined to be intentionally misclassifying certain crimes. That individual was demoted when this was found out. There are severe consequences if numbers are fudged and that is not happening in the City of Los Angeles. **Jane Drucker** asked if 1,200 incidents were classified differently by the LAPD than the review agency is there a problem with the definition. Sever injury is a subjective call. She asked if the officers are given an accurate way of coding the incidents. **Mike Lewis** responded that it is a judgment call. **Barry Johnson** asked if someone at the LAPD has been assigned to re-tabulate the numbers so we can get an accurate crime rate. **Response.** He is not aware whether or not this is being done. The majority of the crime reports submitted are in thefts. None of those numbers would have changed. Murder is not usually incorrectly reported so those numbers would not have changed either. Robberies and property crimes are also hard to reclassify. Mike Szmanski asked if Studio City is still one of the safest areas in Los Angeles. **Officer Lewis** said yes as to major crimes but not as to property crimes because they come here to steal and break into cars and shoplift. **Remy Kessler** asked if the misclassification of the assaults has an impact on how the crime is presented to the DA. **Response:** no. The report is given to the DA and the detective follows up with the DA for filing consideration. It is only input to the computer before follow up. **Alex Izbicki** asked about criminals serving less than the sentence given to them by the judge. He further asked if in the future Officer Lewis sees the numbers going lower

in light of the recidivism of the criminals due to early release. **Response:** The LA Times emphasized the importance of the senior lead officer and the command staff being visible and involved. The police are doing lots of work to keep crime down in light of recidivism. **Richard Niederberg** asked if the mistakes cause a lower sentence due to the misclassification. **Response:** Not sure. **Brian Mahoney** asked if, at any level in the department, these reports tied to someone's compensation. **Response:** There is nothing tied to bonuses. As far as he knows promotions may be tied to an improved crime rates. **A stakeholder** said there was a car break-in across from Carpenter Elementary. He reported it and there was another break-in within a month. The LAPD caught this second break-in suspect. **John Walker** said we have heard about threats coming in to the LAPD and asked if it is true that no officers are allowed to patrol alone. **Response:** That is correct at this time they are not going out alone.

8. Special Guest **Senatorial Candidate Ricardo Benitez**. **Ricardo Benitez** said he is the District 18 Senatorial Candidate. He said he has prepared a summary of the issues he wants to address. He has put them in writing and he will read it to us. He listed all of the areas included in District 18 to show that the district is diverse. It is a new district and he will be the first to represent it if elected. He has served on a Neighborhood Council before. Addressed the array of duties of a senator. He said that he will represent all the people of the district regardless of party. He will insure that the rights and interests of the valley are represented in Sacramento. He is going there be sure District 18 is fully represented. If a law passes in Sacramento and it does not have teeth it is not effective. It is not the duty of the local government to correct or compensate for that. SB 1818 is an example a law like that and so is AB 109. Proposition 1 will be a major issue on the ballot in November. He asked if the water shortage is really a result of politics. The delivery of water to the Los Angeles is an issue. If the water bond measure that will be on the ballot in November will not fix this issue you we should not support it. We need to fix the processes so that businesses will not leave the state. There is an effort in Sacramento to eliminate the ability of the people to get something on the ballot. That is called initiative reform. He does not support initiative reform. **John Walker** asked Mr. Benitez about his position on the homeless situation. **Response:** The homeless have many needs. There is a lot of money designated for addressing the homeless issue. However, he believes that homelessness must be addressed on an individual by individual basis. **Barry Johnson** said he believes we need to engage local politicians on the homeless issues. This is a citywide problem that is not being properly addressed. None of our politicians are addressing this. **A Stakeholder** said many of the homeless have mental health issues. **Response:** Yes, there needs to be a system for addressing the medical needs of these individuals. His plan is to have more medical facilities for the homeless. **A Stakeholder** asked when it is illegal to pitch a tent on the 101 Freeway. **Response:** Some of these issues should be regulated from the state level. **Brian Mahoney** said Candidate Mark Reed was specific about his support for the film community. He asked how will you bring filming back to LA. **Response:** We

need the film jobs and we need to give tax credits to bring those jobs back. **JoAnn Deutch** asked Mr. Benitez his position on the minimum wage. **Response:** People must be paid a salary that they can survive on. He said he would raise the minimum wage only if we can create more work and more jobs as well. He will look for additional investment for the community. **A Stakeholder** said NY and Louisiana lead CA which is third or 4th in number of film projects. Why can other states give large tax credits and not CA? **Response:** We need to change the laws. We have the potential. Join him for a better future. He thanked us for allowing him to bring us his thoughts. If you want a better lifestyle elect him and he will work with us on job creation, sustaining the film industry and crime reduction.

9. Update from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton**. **Courtney Hamilton** said she has one big thing to talk about. **The Councilman** is very excited to have joined Council President Wesson and Councilman Bustiano in the creation the sidewalk repair motion. **John Walker** asked Courtney if she would mind addressing this issue in item number 13c. **Barry Johnson** said there was supposed to be new crosswalk marking on Ventura and Rhodes. He asked why the crosswalks are obliterated in Studio City and in Encino they are cut around. How can this happen? **Courtney Hamilton** said she will find out why this sidewalk was not properly completed. The next step is the flashing beacon crosswalk and there is funding for it and she has asked DOT for a date when it will be completed. **Jon Epstein** asked when the light will be installed on Woodbridge and Tujunga. **Response:** later this year. **Jon Epstein** also asked when trunkline 5 will be completed. **Response:** The will be working in the current location for at least 4 more weeks. There is a planned work night when the curved corner will take the construction onto Moorpark. **Gail Steinberg** asked why are the beacons being allowed now at Ventura and Rhodes and they were not allowed on Tujunga. **Response:** They are approved on a case by case basis.

10. Treasurer's Report by **Scott Ouellette**. **Scott Ouellette** provide two reports, one through the end of July and one with the activity since July. Tonight we are taking action on expenses through July. **Lisa Sarkin** asked about the mural funds. **Scott Ouellette** explained there was a shortfall in FY 2014 that was caused by disbursements that did not get paid in FY 2013 and were erroneously taken from the 2014 budget. He said he and John Walker are going to have a meeting with Gracie Lu to get the funds restored to the proper budget year.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2014, and hereby accepts and approves it.

See Board Vote on Funding Request Form attached to these minutes as Exhibit I. **Unanimous.**

11. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler**. **Remy Kessler** said there was no report.
12. Cultural Affair Report by **Richard Niederberg**. **Richard Niederberg** thanked John and Courtney for the Campo de Cahuenga fee negotiation resolution. **JoAnn Deutch** said that Story Slam is from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Want to encourage participation in Neighborhood Council events by new people. They are trying to reach people that are not regular attendees at the SCNC events and meetings. She is planning to encourage teachers to have their own story slams. **Barry Johnson** said Campo de Cahuenga is located in Studio City in the 91604 zip code. **Rita Villa** asked what a story slam is. **JoAnn Deutch** explained that you develop a story about Studio City and come and tell it in five minutes. ,

Amended Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Cultural Affairs Committee "Story Slam" (an oral story telling event in a small public setting) to be hosted at 11331 Ventura Blvd on September 12, 2014 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 12 attached to these minutes as Exhibit II.
Unanimous.

Non-Agenda item special presentation:

Representative Steven Butcher from Adrin Nazarian's office came to report (1) The \$7.5 billion water bond has been passed in Sacramento and will be on the November ballot. (2) The medical marijuana bill died and (3) A bill was signed by the governor extending the OIG for schools. **Brian Mahoney** asked "Did your boss vote for the school bond that was passed but did not get signed by the governor?" **Jon Epstein** asked "How does the Assembly Member stand on the Uber bill 2293." **Response:** He is not sure but his Assembly Member also brought forth an Uber bill. **John Walker** asked for clarification on the water bond bill. **Barry Jonson** asked if the states mandated water saving measures apply to commercial or multifamily properties. **Response by John Walker:** Multi-units do apply. **Steven Quat** said he believes it does apply to commercial property. **Steven Butcher** said he will get back to us. **Jane Drucker** said she has been asked to cut back 20% per year for several years but she asked where the baseline is. She rents a home that is two units. When there is no tenant in the second unit water usage goes down. **Steven Butcher** said he was not sure how the DWP calculates this. **Response:** The bond bill will help reduce the need to cut back. **Richard Niederberg** said that as a user of the MTA, he would like to know why the MTA is always watering the sidewalk at the Universal/Studio City Station. He wondered if they have an exception from the watering restrictions.

13. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin**. **Lisa Sarkin** gave an update on status of the SB 1818 unit. The ZA did not put in any of the conditions requested by the SCNC. She also reported that 3.6 miles of the specific plan belongs to Studio City and this is more than any of the other communities in the specific plan.

We are trying to get the sidewalks put in. The Zen Lounge update- the ZA said there must be a decision agreed upon by the Neighborhood Council, the council office and the vice police. They met at the police department and came up with a list of 11 issues to be addressed. **Lisa Sarkin** also reported that the PRB is trying to rent the lot where the Mini Coopers were for a parking lot for the valets in the area to use. The PRB would pay for the lot. **Barry Johnson** said he supports the motion. **Lisa Cahan Davis** reminded everyone that there is a survey available on line regarding this. She asked about the funding for this project. She asked if this was area is in the specific plan area. **Response: no.**

John Walker read motion A.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the concept presented in the Lankershim Boulevard Streetscape, in its present stage of planning. The Studio City Neighborhood Council jurisdiction for this project extends to the West side of Lankershim Boulevard from Whipple Street to Cahuenga Boulevard.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 13A attached to these minutes as Exhibit III.
Unanimous

John Walker read motion B.

Lisa Reported and gave background on Motion B. **Stu Miller** stated that he will be involved in an advisory group to put together cogent conditions to be considered. **Mitch Suskin** said he is a 20 year homeowner in Colfax Meadows. There were 95 days of filming last year. He attended the meeting at the library and that meeting was not continued as expected. He feels that the draft conditions don't give any limitations on the number of shoots that can take place. He also believes that the notice period is too short. As a community, we have no voice in what happens in our neighborhood. He requests that we reopen the process. **Barry Jonson** said he passed out the conditions from Film LA to the board members. There are 45 areas in Los Angeles that have special conditions. Special conditions are not out of the ordinary. Film studios have sold off their back lots and filming has been pushed out into the community. Adoption of special conditions is not being anti-filming. **Steven Quat** said we should regulate filming the way we regulate yard sales. There should be a maximum of five a year. We should copy those regulations. When there are more shoots than that, it is a business. **Jon Epstein** said we can't say this is not anti-filming. Restrictions on filming push filming away. **Alex Izbicki** said he understands the comments that have been made but he believes we need to strike a balance between protecting filming and preservation of the quality of life for the homeowners. People should not be asked to just accept the burden of all this filming. This is an encroachment on the ability of the neighbors to enjoy their property. We want filming but we should not put the burden of the filming on the neighbors. **Scott Ouellette** said he has had filming at his house only 4 times in 9 years. **Lana Shackelford** said some of the

offenders are same over and over. It must be a relationship they have with certain production companies. It is a business when one property is used over and over. **Jane Drucker** said she wants to remind the board that what we are voting on is to increase the time for neighborhood input. **Rita Villa** said she has heard from many who want an additional opportunity for input. That is all that is being requested here. **Richard Niederberg** said he spoke to Guy of Film LA about the problems with a shoot in his area. Guy was responsive. **Richard Niederberg** wants the conditions reopened and it should go beyond just Colfax Meadows. **Brian Mahoney** said this happened too fast at the last board meeting. He supports motion B. But he requests that we do the community a service in being careful in the wording we use. **Lisa Cahan Davis** asked if these conditions were based on the May 29th meeting. **Courtney Hamilton** thanked the council for their efforts on this but said there was a 30 day period for comment. Guy has given the booklet to those homes that are having consistent filming. **Lisa Sarkin** responded to the questions raised by the board. Question called by **Steven Quat**.

Amended Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests Councilmember Krekorian re-open the consideration of "Special Filming Conditions Colfax Meadows Area" because many area residents were left out of the discussions and community meeting. The draft conditions were not circulated to the entire area before final approval. We further request that the California Film Commission's "Your Property in a Starring Role" be included with) permits issued by FilmLA and especially noted Form F Community "Good Neighbor" Code of Conduct.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 13B attached to these minutes as Exhibit IV. Opposed: Scott Ouellette and Remy Kessler. Abstained: John Walker. **Motion Carried.**

John Walker read motion C. Lisa Sarkin reported that the response on this is not due till October. The only way to get this fixed is to have the 50/50 plan and a loan program. **Barry Johnson** said he thinks this should go to a committee. There are lots of areas in Los Angeles where this can't be afforded. **Courtney Hamilton** said our councilman is proud to have brought forward the two motions addressing this issue. She asked stakeholders to go on line and view the video and reports. **Jane Drucker** said that she agrees with Barry that 50/50 plan may be onerous to homeowners. She asked if these motions require commercial and multi-family properties to repair their sidewalks. **Courtney Hamilton** responded that as of right now the 50/50 plan does not relate to multi-family properties or businesses. **Alex Izbicki** said city responsibilities should not be transferred to the homeowners. Programs like this are a cop out. At what point will the city provide the basic things we need like sidewalks. This is not a solution. **Lisa Sarkin** read the components of present plan for this program. **Brian Mahoney** asked for additional clarification. **Remy Kessler** explained that the responsibility

is currently that of the City. This would transfer the responsibility back to the homeowner.

Motion C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Councilmember Krekorian's motion for the City Wide Sidewalk Repair Program. This program will lead to the restoration of the City's failing sidewalks in front of private homes and public and commercial properties using the 50/50 Plan. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0163-S4.

Brought by: **Lisa Sarkin**

Seconded by: **Richard Niederberg.**

Motion C withdrawn by Lisa Sarkin and sent to the Government Affairs Committee.

14. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa**. **Rita Villa** gave a brief report. **Barry Johnson** said he attended the PLUM Committee Meeting on this. Motion A is just supporting the city attorney looking into the short comings of the current ordinance and to arrive at findings related to the existing baseline ordinance. **JoAnn Deutch** asked that the hillside ordinance be included as well. **Scott Ouellette** said that he does not agree with some of the specific provisions of the motion. **Jane Drucker** explained we are just asking for them to start an investigative progress.

John Walker read motion A.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion from Councilmember Paul Koretz dated May 16, 2014 with respect to amending the City's baseline mansionization ordinance number 179883. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0656.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 14A attached to these minutes as Exhibit VI. **Opposed:** Richard Niederberg and Scott Ouellette.

John Walker read motion B.

Joann Deutch gave background on the motion and explained what the important linkage is. An effort must be made to work with the Conservancy to create the linkage.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion from Councilmember Paul Koretz dated April 23, 2014 with respect to the preservation of wildlife corridors in the eastern areas of the Santa Monica Mountains (hillside ordinance zone) and the designation of this area as a regional wildlife habitat linkage zone. This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0518.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 14B attached to these minutes as Exhibit VII. 9 yes
Opposed: Lana Shackelford, Scott Ouellette and Richard Niederberg. **Abstain:** John Walker

15. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson**. **Barry Johnson** asked for the motion to be read. **John Walker** read motion A. **Barry Johnson** introduced stakeholder Truman Capps who gave background on motion A. **Truman Capps** showed a photo of the street with the traffic shown. There is a large volume of cars about 18,000 each day. **Lana Shackelford** said this road is hazardous and she hopes this motion passes. **Gail Steinberg** said that she agrees with the motion but the resolution may be the instillation of speed bumps. **Richard Niederberg** supports this motion as a matter of safety.

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian investigate remedies for slowing traffic on Vineland Avenue, South of Ventura Boulevard to its terminus at Lankershim Boulevard.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 15A attached to these minutes as Exhibit VIII. Unanimous

John Walker read motion B.

Barry Johnson gave background on the motion. He reported that the only place in the San Fernando Valley where the parking rates are over \$1 an hour is this portion of Studio City. **John Walker** recalled that Councilman Paul Krekorian had agreed that these rates should be lowered. **Brian Mahoney** suggested that we remove the word entire. **Jon Epstein** said this is a matter of supply and demand. There is not much parking in the area so we should keep the rate as is. **Alex Izbicki** said it is not the money that it costs. It is a question of whether these rates are fair and in parity with other valley areas. Jane Drucker said the increase in the parking rates did not move cars from the streets to the public parking lot. **Lisa Sarkin** said the money from these meters is supposed to be used to buy parking lots but it goes to the general fund. **Richard Niederberg** said the motion

should be revised to address the rates in the Los Angeles part of the San Fernando Valley. **Lisa Cahan Davis** said the rates should be lowered and said she supports this motion.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Krekorian create a motion to make all of Studio City's parking meter rates the same as the rest of the Los Angeles portion of the San Fernando Valley.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 15B attached to these minutes as Exhibit IX.
Unanimous

16. Bylaws Committee Report by **Jane Drucker**. **Jane Drucker** gave background on the motion. **Richard Niederberg** asked about any rules on nepotism in the bylaws.
John Walker read the motion and the list of names.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the list of volunteers (attached for Board) to serve on a Grievance Panel, when needed.

See Roll Call Vote on Motion 16 attached to these minutes as Exhibit X. Vote: Brian Mahoney opposed, John Walker abstained. **Motion Carried.**

Brought by: **Jane Drucker** Seconded by: **Rita Villa**

Move to adjourn to Special Agenda by Steven Quat. Second by Jane Drucker.

17. VANC Report by **Denise Welvang**. No VANC report given in Denise's absence.
18. Outreach Committee Report by **Lana Shackelford**. **Lana Shackelford** said the Movies in the Park were a success. She thanked everyone from the neighborhood council who helped. She also thanked the preshow personnel. **Lana Shackelford** said she will share the video of the preshow. The Committee is preparing for Story Slam on September 12th. There will be a small business seminar on November 12th at the library. Luminaria will be on December 7th. The work day is December 6th. Possibly there will be a classic "Monster Movie Monday" at library. This is still being planned. The street banners will be the subject of a motion by Paul Krekorian in the future. She asked for all chairs to submit a list of their upcoming events to the Outreach Committee. The Committee discussed the formation of an SCNC bowling team and a softball team. **Lisa Sarkin** requested that the outreach committee consider sending a letter to all residents introducing them to the neighborhood council.

19. Public Safety Committee & Budget Advocate Report by **Brandon Pender**. **Brandon Pender** said that Scott Ouellette has the last of the invoices from National Night Out. That event was done within budget and they did not spend at least \$3,000 that was budgeted. He thanked CD2 and President Walker as both got many items donated. This helped us to come in under budget. The event was a moderate success. We had more people than most night out events that were held around the city. However, we did not have as many people as in the prior year. His Committee is looking into encouraging or initiating a bike patrol on Ventura Blvd. This proposal will be considered by the BID in January when the BID area is increased to cover Ventura Blvd to Coldwater Blvd. Officer Lewis thought this would be a good thing to do during business hours. Possibly it could be extended to the residential areas. The Public Safety Committee has initiated a mapping of the pay phones in Studio City and get rid of or repair the pay phones. The consensus is the pay phones are the last line of defense in an earthquake when there is no electricity. **Brandon Pender** said that Budget Day was last Saturday. it was a success. The Mayor, City Council Members and department heads came and spoke to budget representatives. They spoke about dealing with the unions and retirement funds. They gave some idea of what will be done and what can't be done based on the available funds. Brandon reported that he was re-elected as a representative from Region 4. The same people as last year are region 4 representatives. They want to start faster than they did in prior years. The survey will be more region specific next year. **Brian Mahoney** asked about low tech phones. **Brandon Pender** said that you should buy a phone that does not require electricity. Jon Epstein said if one phone line falls then the phone in your home will not work. **Response:** that is correct. **John Walker** asked if the bike patrol requires funding. **Response:** yes.
20. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Richard Niederberg** said next month is the neighborhood congress on September 27th. **Jon Epstein** asked to lead the committee to get better food for our meetings. He also said that he will be 18 before our next meeting so he will be able to vote next month. **Steven Quat** asked why some people get a half an hour to speak and others only two minutes. **John Walker** explained the reasons.
21. Adjournment. **Moved:** Jane Drucker; **Second:** Steven Quat; **Vote:** Unanimous